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The Council met at twelve noon in the Legislative Chamber with Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., LL. D., Dewan-President, in the chair.

## NEW MEMBERS.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls:—

1. Mr. E. I. Chacko (*Director of Industries*)
2. Mr. K. Subramonia Pillai (*Divisional Agricultural Officer in charge*):

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

### *Hand-made paper.*

14. * **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod cum Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are experts in the State for the manufacture of hand-made paper; and

(*b*) whether steps were taken by them to start hand-made paper manufacture on cottage industry basis?

**Mr. E. I. Chacko** (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, steps are being taken by Government.

**Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: May I ask the honorable member, Sir, to kindly enlighten the House as to the nature of the steps taken for the manufacture of hand-made paper on cottage industry basis?

**Mr. E. I. Chacko**: A demonstration centre has been opened and it is now working near the new public offices building.

**President**: The honourable member will kindly raise his voice.

**Mr. E. I. Chacko**: Hand-made paper is being made in that centre from yesterday and I invite the hononrable members of this House to come and see the thing working.

**Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: How many experts are there at present?

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**Mr. E. I. Chacko:** Well, Sir, I cannot say there are real experts here now, but I am trying to get an expert to be put on the job.

**Mr. T. Krishna Pillai:** Will the honourable member please see whether any hand-made paper can now be made on a commercial scale?

**Mr. E. I. Chacko:** Yes, Sir.

15. **Mr. K. M. Kesavan** (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha cum Shertallai*): May I know whether the honourable member would be prepared to supply certain raw materials for the necessary manufacture of paper?

**President:** Order, order. The Government have made an open offer to all the people in the State that an entirely local concern might be started for the encouragement of paper manufacture on a cottage industry basis. Individuals have come and approached the Government, and the Government's uniform reply has been that if they start this enterprise on a co-operative basis or on a joint-stock basis, and if they put in Rs. 100, Government will put in Rs. 500. If they put in Rs. 2,000, Government will put in Rs. 10,000, and if they put in Rs. 10,000, Government will put in a lakh of rupees. We are prepared to incur any reasonable expenditure and have said so during these three years. Persons coming one after the other and saying that A was an expert or B was an expert, wanted subsidies for the purpose of starting this paper industry. I said to them: "You get some friends to join together and make a co-operative concern. I cannot give to individuals." The least I am prepared to give is to advance a good sum to a properly organized co-operative society." No answer has been forthcoming, though this is an industry in which the Government are vitally interested. I have given instructions to all the officers that to the extent to which they get hand-made paper within the State, they should not buy paper from outside or even from our own mills. Nevertheless, except to a very limited extent I never write letters to the Government of India or to people outside the State, except on Travancore hand-made paper. Honourable members might, perhaps, be aware of it, and the other exalted honourable members also may employ the same rule. But, there has not been sufficient impetus or encouragement within the State for the purpose of starting an industry for which we have got the material but which does not really require much *expertise* but which requires only concentrated business habits. I still make an appeal to this House and through this House to the public to try and start nuclei in two or three centres at least in the State, and financial help will be forthcoming the moment they get a properly organised unit of work. I trust that this appeal may not be in vain as my previous appeals have been.

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**Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi** (*Karunagapalli, Karthikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): May I ask the Director of Industries whether he has made any attempt to establish contact with the different people who have made proposals to the Government?

**Mr. E. I. Chacko**: The demonstration centre is now in full swing, and I hope to bring the people into contact.

*Paper Manufacture.*

**Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state the places within the State where paper manufacture is carried on as a cottage industry?

**Mr. E. I. Chacko**: No manufacture is carried on at present in a systematic manner. Steps are being taken to organize paper manufacture as a cottage industry.

*Experimental or demonstration farm for the cultivation of potatoes and other English vegetables.*

16. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any experimental or demonstration farm has been opened by the Agricultural Department anywhere in Devicolam taluk for the cultivation of potatoes and other English vegetables;

(*b*) if so, where; and

(*c*) with what result?

**Mr. K. Subramonia Pillai** (*Divisional Agricultural Officer in charge*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*). No farm has been opened in the Devicolam taluk but steps are being taken to open an Experimental Farm at Vandanmettu in the Peermade taluk, for the cultivation of potatoes, wheat, etc.

**Mr. E. K. Kuriype** (*Purur, Kuunatunad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): പൊട്ടറോസ്, വീറ്റ് മുതലായവ കൃഷി ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു വണ്ടംമേട്ടിൽ ഒരു ഫാറം തുറക്കുന്നുവെന്നു മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. ഈ സ്ഥലം സന്ദർശിച്ച് സ്കീം തയാറാക്കിയതാരാണ്?

**Mr. K. Subramonia Pillai**: ഞാൻതന്നെയാണു സ്ഥലം പരിശോധിച്ചതു്.

**Mr. E. K. Kuriype**: ദേവികുളംതാലൂക്കിൽ വല്ല സ്ഥലത്തും പോയി നോക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

**Mr. K. Subramonia Pillai**: ഇല്ല.

**Mr. E. K. Kuriype**: ഈ കൃഷിക്കു് ഏറ്റവും പറ്റിയ സ്ഥലങ്ങളും ദേവികുളം താലൂക്കിൽ ഉള്ള സ്ഥിതിക്കു് ആ സ്ഥലങ്ങളും തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കാതെ മഴ അധികമുള്ള വണ്ടൻമേട്ടു പ്രദേശത്തിൽ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണ്?

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